

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain in this application.

Claim objections

Claim 7 was objected to because of an informality. The phrase "said circuit" has been corrected to read --said load driver circuit-- as required.

Section 112 rejection of claim 7

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner stated that it is not clear what is meant by "high side driver circuit". A high side driver circuit is a descriptive term for a load driver circuit having a current sense resistor 130 with a first terminal coupled to the input node 110, or high side node versus ground side node 120 of the input voltage V_{in} . Claim 7 has been amended to clarify this meaning by adding the phrase "comprising a high side current sense resistor" after the phrase high side driver circuit. Support for this amendment may be found on page 7, lines 10-15.

Applicant believes amended claim 7 satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, therefore Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the grounds of rejection with respect to claim 7. Since claims 8-11 depend on claim 7 and the grounds of rejection with respect to claim 7 have been overcome, the Examiner is requested to allow claims 8-11.

Allowable subject matter

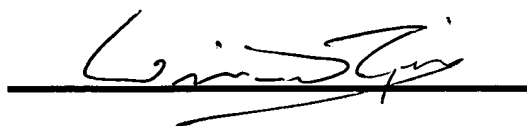
Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of claims 1-6 and 12-16.

Since claims 7 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, Applicant believes that claims 7-11 are also in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The other documents cited by the Examiner, but not applied to the claims currently in the application, have been reviewed and, as understood, do not teach or suggest Applicants' claimed invention.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that all the grounds for objection and rejection have been overcome and the pending claims are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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